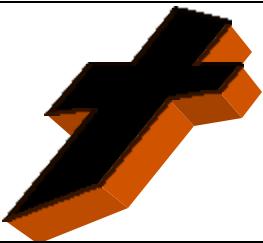


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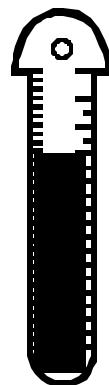


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THE SONOGRAM CHALLENGE

"Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."
William Carey, missionary



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Our beloved Board member, Rev. Chrisian Larson, went home to be with His Lord on Christmas Day, 2000. As a permanent memorial to him, and with the permission of his family, we've renamed our "Sonogram Fund" the **"Chris Larson Memorial Fund"**. Chris' last project for Gateway was his vision for an ultrasound unit for our Elizabeth office. Chris himself raised about \$6,000 of the \$20,000 needed for the unit and training of staff, and another \$6,000 has been given in his name since his home going.

Our goal is to purchase the unit and have staff trained by our Fall Banquet. Will you help us raise the additional \$8,000 needed, as we "expect great things from God"?

To our knowledge, Gateway is the only crisis pregnancy center located in a building also housing an abortionist.

What a great opportunity to have dozens of women see their pre-born baby and choose life!

If you would like to help meet this challenge, send your gift in the enclosed envelope with the Gateway Contact Card found on page 8.

What an opportunity to share Christ - the answer!



Michelle at her baby shower given by Cranford Alliance Church
See story on page 6, "Woman Seeking Abortion Finds the Lord"

EXCERPS FROM A LETTER

This letter was sent to Gateway in August, 2000 from the Mayor of Jersey City:

"Dear Gateway...

I was saddened to learn that because Crisis Pregnancy Centers do not perform abortions, Governor Whitman used her line-item veto authority to eliminate \$350,000 in funding to each center from the 2001 State Fiscal Year Budget.

I want you to know that I think Governor Whitman's decision was wrong...

As a sign of my continued support for your efforts to provide health and counseling services to women not only in Jersey City but also throughout New Jersey, I have enclosed a donation in the amount of \$100 for your center...

Thank you for your efforts to preserve human life and God bless!

Sincerely,

Bret Schundler, Mayor"

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris



"Why Show A Graphic Video?" Part 1

"A lie can not live forever". So said Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. The lie that the pre-born is not a baby is being exposed. One of the tools we believe the Lord is using is the video *Harder Truth*. Produced by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR), the *Harder Truth* has been an invaluable tool in Gateway's ministry to abortion-vulnerable women. I cannot tell you how many abortion-minded women have changed their minds immediately after viewing this seven minute graphic video. CBR's founder and President, Gregg Cunningham, has stated: "Visual depictions of abortion are indispensable to the restoration of that meaning because abortion represents an evil so inexpressible that words fail us when we attempt to describe its horror. Abortion will continue to be trivialized as 'the lesser of two evils,' or perhaps even 'a necessary evil,' as long as it is allowed to remain an invisible abstraction." In this issue of LifeTimes, and in subsequent issues, we'll share some of these stories.

Look for this symbol >>>



It will designate a "Harder Truth Success Story at Gateway".



E-MAIL Ministry...

Questions people ask ...

Sara, from Pittsburgh writes: "I have a few symptoms. I've always been against abortion, but now I don't know what to do."

Magick, comments: "I think you people are sick. If a woman is raped or something and gets pregnant, against her own will, then she has the choice of abortion. Who cares about some imaginary figure of the human mind anyway?" (Editor's note: See From the Director's Desk above for the answer to the question: "Why Show a Graphic Video?")

Ann, from PA writes: "I carry the gene for duchennes muscular dystrophy. I am so afraid of having a baby boy that will be effected (SIC). I feel bad about even thinking about terminating this pregnancy but I couldn't handle having a sick little helpless baby."

Ana, writes from Mexico: "I feel extremely bad...extremely bad...I am a single mother...but I don't want to be once again a single mother; neither get married with the man because he is not a good person for me. I am not going to abort. that is for sure. but help me. please tell me I am not pregnant. Pray for me. Really pray for me. I am really afraid."

E-mail Inquiries

Requests for:

- Pregnancy Counseling.....128
- Personal Information/help.....11
- Prayer.....6
- Research:
 - Jr. High and H.S. Reports...3
 - College Papers.....6
 - General Research..... 7
- Other help:
 - Church Group.....1
 - Christian School..... 1

Help offered.....6

Shanta writes: "I wanted to know if you give free pregnancy tests and free abortions."

Roberta, from Jamesburg, NJ writes: "I am a single parent of a 17 year old girl who has been in a residential program for deviant behavior. My husband died two years ago, which drove her over the edge. She is so hurt and mad at God that she won't hear anything I try to tell her about His love and mercy. She wants an abortion; I fear that her friends are talking her into this. I am being pressured by my secular friends and family to go ahead with the abortion. I have just returned to church and don't really know anyone there to talk to. I am so ashamed. Please help me to find a Christian counselor to talk to my daughter.

E-mail From:

Muslim, Jewish, & Christian faiths

Also folks with no religion

From:

Six countries

Nineteen States

Marie, in PA says: "This might sound strange, but I took 2 pregnancy tests already. The tests I took were VERY cheap (from a "dollar store"); therefore, I am not sure of the accuracy.

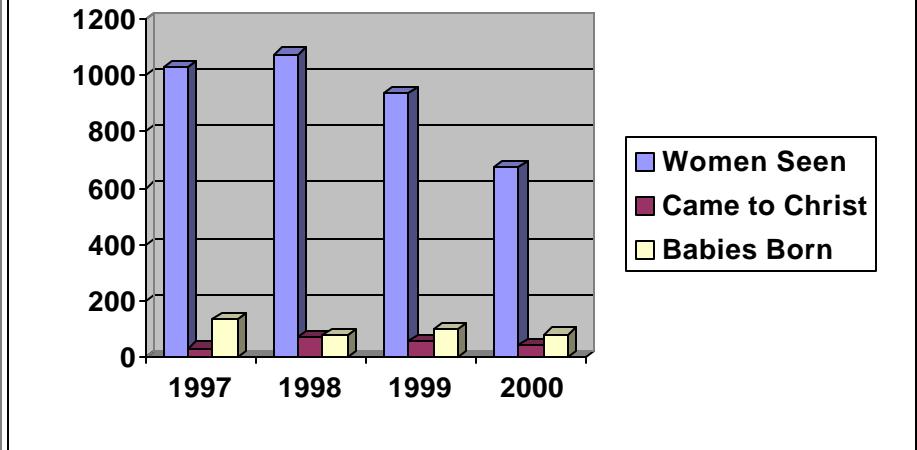
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

[www.gateway.org/content/
links.htm](http://www.gateway.org/content/links.htm)

14 Categories of information with 130 Links!

ABORTION: Chemical Methods
ABORTION: Methods, Risks and Complications
ABORTION: General Research / Partial Birth Abortion
AFRICAN AMERICANS and ABORTION
AUDIO and VIDEO
CARRYING TO TERM – LIFE OPTIONS
CONTRACEPTIVES / BIRTH CONTROL
DURING PREGNANCY
FETAL DEVELOPMENT / REPRODUCTION
MALE INVOLVEMENT
POST-ABORTION
SEXUALITY
CHRISTIAN SITES
PRO-LIFE SITES

NOT JUST STATS



Sanctity of Life Sunday 1/28/01
Cranford Alliance Church gave a pro-life committee dinner for Gateway.



Rev. Marvin Bradshaw and Althea Hill, of Faith Christian Center, Newark, discuss Dean's presentation to the youth, given on December 28, 2000.



MORE E-MAIL

Melinda, in Paderborn, Germany, writes: "I just need someone, anyone to talk to before I go insane. I will be using the abortion pill RU-486." (We referred her to Human Life International in Essen, Germany)

Della writes from WorldShare.net: "I have a woman whom I met through a chat room and she needs to seek counseling in her area. We live in different states. She is in Louisiana. She seeks 'mental recovery' after an abortion. She is living in torture."

Anita, 17, writes: "In May I was raped, and I was so scared that I never said anything to anyone. I am one month pregnant and don't know what to do. I don't believe in abortion but this one time I am willing to put that behind me."

Erin, age 20 writes: "I am now a sophomore in college. I go to a prestigious college and my parents have such high expectations for me so I could never have the child. I could never tell my boyfriend either because we are always fighting and on rocky terms to begin with. I just wanted to know what you think."

Tawnya, from Saskatchewan, Canada, writes: "I don't want to say a lot. I just want to know where I can take a pregnancy test. How soon after? The other thing is I know you are all Christians, and I have been one for the last few years, and so is my boyfriend. We messed up...totally. I feel awful, and right now I am at a Christian school, and I don't feel I can tell anyone because I know God isn't happy, and neither am I. I'm just freaking out. I had always sworn my virginity, and in one night of getting too carried away, I forgot about everything I had saved for. I feel even worse that If I don't marry him, my husband will have someone who's been with someone else. I am just really frustrated. I was a great witness to my friends because I was a virgin, and I spoke always of the importance of waiting...but I didn't. I'm not as strong as I thought I was."



PICTURE GALLERY



Dean shared about chastity with teens at LifeNet's *True Love Waits* seminar to local students, held at Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, Dec. 8th & 9th.



Johanna and Jennifer help counsel in Elizabeth



Joan shows a graphic video to interested young people at a health fair at HeadStart, Elizabeth on Sept. 9th.



Elder David Traywick and two interested women from 2nd Cathedral Baptist, Perth Amboy on Nov. 17th. Dean discussed a possible new crisis pregnancy center in their 3000 member church complex.



Dean is privileged to meet pro -life veteran Joan Andrews Bell (and her many children) at a rally at Seton Hall University on April 13th. of last year. Pray for a good outreach at Seton Hall this Spring.



Martha shows off baby Nicole.



Taliyah sits peacefully in our Irvington waiting room. Mom came to Gateway for her test and counsel.



Jeanne proudly holds her baby, Eden!



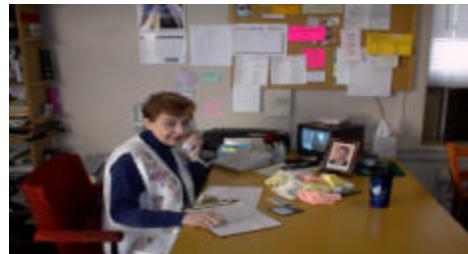
Kristin (a believer) discusses her term Paper on abortion for a class at Montclair State University



Gateway volunteer, Michele Clarke,



Dean shares about the need to trust in Christ alone to remove the abortion holocaust from our land: First Baptist Church (Union) Men's Breakfast. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001



Thanks to Jean Fitzgerald for producing this issue of LifeTimes. Here's Jean in our Irvington office.



Jan. 27, 2001, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Newark. Dean gives a chastity challenge to teens during there "Rite of Passage" Saturday seminar.



Eleven completed our volunteer Training, held in Feb., 2001 !



Second Cathedral Bookstore

"2nd. Trimester abortionist, Kenneth Treadwell works for Steve Brigham two floors above Gateway, Elizabeth. He also has a practice about ½ mile from our Irvington office. We were surprised to see that his Perth Amboy facility is literally next door to 2nd Cathedral Baptist's Christian bookstore! Pray for his salvation. We believe the Lord is trying to get his attention!"



Ken Treadwell's Office



REAL-LIFE STORIES

**BABY BORN
AFTER JUST 23 WEEKS
SURVIVES**

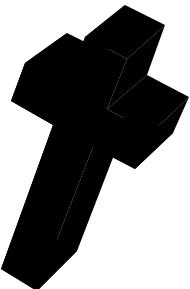


Latashia and her boy friend came into the Irvington office for a pregnancy test. She had a miscarriage six months before. When she tested positive she decided to keep her baby. Our counselor had trouble keeping in touch with her. Finally after several weeks she contacted Latashia only to learn that a baby boy had been born!

This was October. Our counselor's records showed that early February was Latashia's due date. Yes, the baby was born only 23 weeks after conception! Latashia said that little Jykine was doing fine but was still in the hospital. She did not take him home until February.

Praise the Lord!

**WOMAN SEEKING
AN ABORTION
FINDS THE LORD!**



Michelle was roaming the halls of the medical building in Elizabeth looking for the abortion clinic. Joan, our counselor from Gateway saw her and invited her to come down to Gateway. She did!! As they talked, Joan learned that she has five children and the father of this baby has another girlfriend now. She has already had four abortions. She said she prayed to God. God answered her through Gateway. Joan shared Christ with her and she willingly accepted Him as her Lord and Savior. It was arranged for her to see a doctor and we offered Post Abortion counseling.

Cranford Alliance Church wanted to help and disciple a young lady from Gateway. Michelle seemed to be the person in need at this time. So the church gave her a baby shower and she is under the wings of this church. (See picture p.1)

A healthy baby girl was born on November 6, 2000. Mother and baby are doing fine. Praise the Lord!

**YOUNG LADY BEING PRESSURED
CHOSES LIFE**



Shannon came to Gateway in Elizabeth looking for an abortion. She was with an older woman who later identified herself as Shannon's mother-in-law. They came in and Joan, our counselor, spoke with them. The older woman would not let Shannon see any baby models or discuss the future effects of having an abortion. Joan talked with them and prayed silently for the whole situation. To Joan's utter amazement, the older woman suddenly looked at the baby models and showed Shannon what her baby looked like at 12 weeks. Then she said to her, "I am sorry. This is a child." It is awesome to see the Lord working in the hearts of these women. With tears Shannon admitted she really didn't want an abortion. She believes this is a sign from God and cannot go through with it.

Since she lives on Staten Island, Joan gave her a reference to a Crisis Pregnancy Clinic on Staten Island for follow-up. Shannon said that she had contacted them but decided to abort instead. Joan arranged for her to see a local doctor. She decided to keep her baby. Praise God for another baby saved!

**"HARDER TRUTH"
SUCCESS STORY!**



Gigi, age 20, saw the *Harder Truth* video. She was very surprised. We asked her if she's going to heaven. She said, "No," because of her sin. We shared Christ's forgiveness with Gigi and she committed her life to the Lord!

WHERE WE'VE BEEN – WHERE WE'RE GOING

JANUARY 2000:

16 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian, Westfield: Sunday School and am message
17 Wells Cathedral (COGIC), Newark: Seminar on abortion/chastity
22 Evangel Baptist, Springfield: am service
23 Gateway-Elizabeth: Open House
27 4-Session Volunteer Training for Gateway
30 Holy Trinity, East Orange: Youth Seminar

FEBRUARY 2000:

12 West Essex Baptist Church, Livingston: Youth Group "Work Day" at Gateway

MARCH 2000:

13 NJ City University, Jersey City: Talk on Abortion
14 InterVarsity tour of Gateway, Irvington
18, 23, 25, & 30 Volunteer Training for Gateway
22 Rutgers, Newark InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Abortion/Chastity

APRIL 2000:

13 Seton Hall University annual "Pro-Life Day" - Display
20 Center for Hope, Philipsburg (Board Consultation)
28 InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Rutgers Annual Banquet – Key Note message

MAY 2000:

13 10th Annual "Walk-for –the-little-ones"
20 First Baptist Church, Union: Men's Breakfast – devotional
29 Garwood Presbyterian Church: am service message

JUNE 2000:

8, 10, 12, & 17 Volunteer Training for Gateway
30 St. John's UFW Church, Newark Youth Summit (panel)

AUGUST 2000:

12 Health Fair at Stephen Crane Village, Newark (display)

SEPTEMBER 2000:

9 Health Fair at Head Start, Elizabeth (display)
18 Peace Temple (COGIC), Newark
23 WFME Radio 94.7 FM: 30 minute WFME Reports: Interview on the ministry
27 WAWZ Radio 99.1 FM: Five minute update on Dean's visit to Dr. Brigham

OCTOBER 2000:

4 Kean College, Elizabeth Health Fair (display)
28 Northern NJ Sunday School Association: Taught two Seminars: Life Issues & Euthanasia

NOVEMBER 2000:

19 First Baptist Church, Union: am service
27 Second Cathedral Baptist, Perth Amboy Consultation on their proposed pregnancy center

DECEMBER 2000:

8-9 Bethany Baptist Church Newark: Chastity Challenges with LifeNet
28 Faith Christian Center, Newark: Youth

JANUARY 2001:

14 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian: SOHL Sunday School and am message
21 Cranford Alliance SOHL and am message
27 Mt. Olivet Baptist, Newark: "Rite of Passage" Seminar

FEBRUARY 2001:

18 First Baptist Church, Union: Men's Prayer Breakfast – Message

MARCH 2001:

7 Calvary Assembly of God, Union: Missionettes
19 Grace & Peace Fellowship: SOHL, am service
24 Solid Rock Baptist Church, Irvington: Health Fair



COMING EVENTS:

APRIL 2001

27 Families & Communities Together (Community Access), Elizabeth Seminar

MAY 2001

12 11TH Annual "Walk-for –the-little-ones"

GATEWAY CONTACT CARD

please add me to your mailing list

I am interested in:

taking volunteer training seminar

helping out in the office in

Elizabeth

Irvington

your speaking at

my church

my school

praying for Gateway

pledging monthly

\$100 \$75 \$50 \$25

Other (circle one)

I enclose a special gift of

\$ for a SONOGRAM as part of the Chris Larson Memorial

I am interested in information on

Post abortion

Abstinence

African-American Ministries

Internet resources

NAME _____

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**ELEVENTH ANNUAL
WALK-A-THON!**

WILL YOU BE THERE?

Gateway Pregnancy Centers invite you and your friends to a wonderful opportunity of ministry!

Saturday May 12, 2001

Warinanco Park 10 a.m.

ALL proceeds benefit the gospel ministry of Gateway

Will you commit to:

1. Walking the walk?
2. Sponsoring a walker?

If 150 people (young and not so young) get 10 sponsors each

@ \$10 per sponsor, we will reach our goal of

\$15,000!



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